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1. European Patent Publication No. EP 0 242 840 B1 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 21 of the specification of the present application. An English-language translation of the claims is included at columns 12 to 14 of the document.
2. European Patent Publication No. EP 1 211 283 A1 - U.S. patent no. 6,818,693 B2 is a family member of this document. Also, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the European Patent Office in the PCT

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